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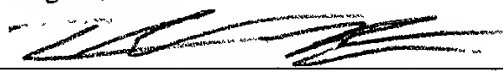
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**PROTECTIVE GUARDS FOR FINGERS AND THUMBS**" – M. Kevin Sorrels

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 22 page specification, 5 pages of claims (Claims 1-35), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 11 drawings on 3 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of M. Kevin Sorrels for the above-entitled invention.

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/252,523 entitled "Protective Guards For Fingers And Thumbs," filed November 21, 2000.

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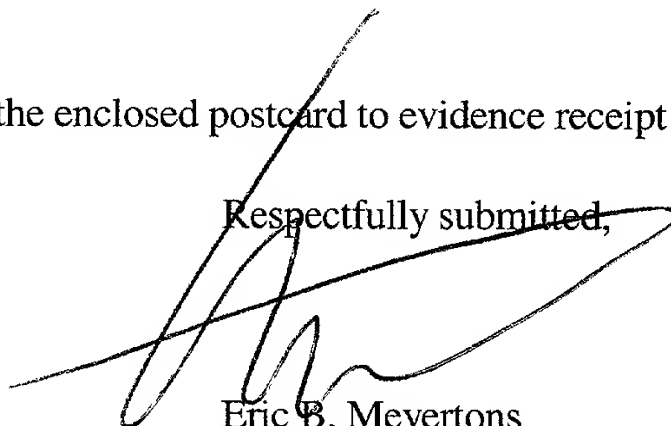
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